



Standards for U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Grass Carp Inspection and Certification Program

INSPECTION PROGRAM

Standards for Collection of Fees

- Effective **January 1, 2003** the established standard fee for the inspection services will be thirty cents (**\$.30**) per fish shipped plus **travel costs**. Travel costs include mileage round trip to the site at thirty-six and a half cents per mile (\$.365/mile), airfare, lodging, per diem, and miscellaneous expenses incurred at the standard government rate.
- A check for the appropriate amount will be written, and made payable to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Check information will include the following: the Producer or Company's name, address, and phone number; the Producer representative's signature; the date; reference to transaction receipt for a specified number of fish.
- If no Certificate can be issued by the Inspector (Examples: failed inspection, no diploid controls, Coulter Counter malfunctions, etc.) a penalty fee plus (travel costs) will be collected by the USFWS Inspector, from the Triploid Grass Carp Producer, to defray the trip cost. Penalty fees will occur in two ways--the first is called a **Type-A Failure-(a true failure)**-observance of a diploid during the inspection process. The second is called a **Type-B Failure-** caused by non-functional equipment or other producer non-compliance with the inspection process.
- The **fee for failures** will accelerate and is based on a pattern of non-compliance during a single calendar year (Jan 01 through Dec 31). The fee structure and associated actions will be administered according to the following guidance:
 - **Type-A penalty (true failure):**
 - ---\$100 for first failure plus travel costs.
 - ---\$200 for the second failure plus travel costs.
 - ---\$300 for the third failure plus travel costs and a letter of concern from the Inspector.
 - ---\$400 for the fourth failure plus travel costs and a letter of concern from the

Inspector.

- ---\$500 for the fifth and other failures plus travel costs and Official Notice Letter for consideration as non-participant in the Tripliod Grass Carp Inspection Program.

- **Type-B penalty (equipment or other non-compliance failure):**

- ---\$100 for first failure plus travel costs.
- ---\$200 for the second failure plus travel costs.
- ---\$300 for the third failure plus travel costs.
- ---\$400 for the fourth failure plus travel costs.
- ---\$500 for the fifth and higher plus travel costs.

- If the USFWS Inspector makes an Inspection/Certification trip, and for some unusual reason the work results in the Certification of less than 1500-fish, then the fee to be collected by the USFWS Inspector will be \$50, or the number of fish shipped x **(\$.30)** (whichever is the greater amount) plus travel costs.
- Fees collected for Certification will be held for 7 days and then be deposited into separate Regional accounts as established by USFWS Washington Office and the Denver Finance Center.
- The USFWS Inspector will retain the Producer's check for 7-days to allow for adjustments of any purchase order cancellation. A canceled order qualifies that same number of certified triploid grass carp, to be available for another sale and shipment within the original "4-working day period."
- The USFWS Inspector will not credit accounts for Dead-on-Arrival fish. The Grass Carp Producer must assume the burden for safe shipping of the triploid grass carp.
- The USFWS desires to retain a standardized statistically valid 120-fish sampling protocol. However, should a State or fishery program absolutely require that the number of fish to be sampled be increased (above the standard 120-fish sample), the fee for Inspection services will increase from thirty cents **(\$.30)** to one dollar(**\$1.00**) per fish shipped plus travel costs.